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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

June 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Staffing changes in Real Estate, Housing and Community Development

This Letter to Commission is to inform you of staffing changes in Real Estate, Housing and Community Development (REHCD).

Ms. Anna Parekh was dismissed from her position as director of REHCD last week, as a result of several actions regarding the management of her division. The most troubling was her attempt to falsify documents to support grant charges. Fortunately, this was brought to our attention prior to being submitted. Such unprofessional conduct cannot be tolerated. Inher specific situation, the problem was compounded when she failed to understand or accept that what she had attempted to do was incorrect.

Ensuring that the highest of ethical standards are maintained across the entire organization is one of the highest priorities of my administration.

In the immediate term, I have appointed Max Sklar to oversee the real estate component of the Division and Maria Ruiz to oversee all other functions.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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